

# SHARED STEWARDSHIP

## It takes all of us

The group effort known as Shared Stewardship is taking place in many states. Idaho is addressing more than 6 million acres of Idaho forestlands that are designated as high-risk for potential catastrophic wildfire and insect and disease outbreaks. We need the support and participation of all forest owners—federal, state, industrial and family forest landowners—to reach our goals.



Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Idaho Department of Lands, the USDA Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are sharing staff, funding, and are joining with a governor-appointed advisory group to identify mutual priorities and cross-boundary forest management opportunities.

## Mission

Protecting communities, preserving the value of our timberlands, reducing fire risk and suppression costs with **strategically-located projects** and a **Treat 100 Acres Protect 1000 Acres** approach.

## Authorities under which we conduct Shared Stewardship

### Title 38, Forestry, Forest Products and Stumpage Districts

#### Chapter 1 – Idaho Forestry Act: 38-102

Public policy of the state of Idaho to protect and preserve forests and watersheds from wildfire

#### Chapter 6 – Forest Insect, Pests and Disease: 38-601

Public policy of the state of Idaho to protect and preserve forest resources from destructive forest insects, pests and diseases and to protect the watersheds of Idaho, to enhance the production of forests, to promote the stability of the forest industry and to protect the recreational values of the forests ... In cooperation with the federal government and private timber owners

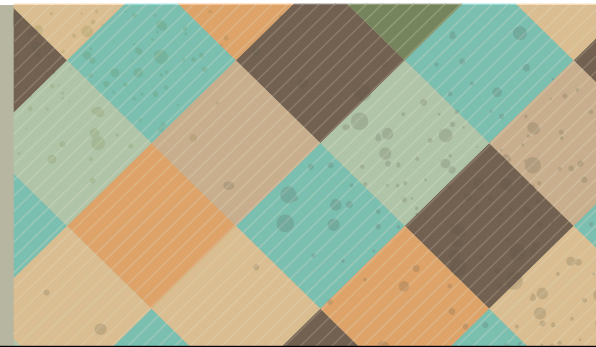
New foresters have been hired, there is a statewide Shared Stewardship Coordinator, and dual-agency project coordinators are in place—all funded by the USFS, NRCS and the state of Idaho.

## Now is the time for industrial and family forest landowner outreach and additional resources are needed



- Industrial and family forest landowners stretch across Idaho, and the demographics vary.
- These landowners may not be aware of Shared Stewardship and the benefits of participation such as financial assistance for forest management on private and industrial lands.

Without landowner participation, Idaho could be left with a patchwork quilt of isolated forest improvements in high-risk areas. What we need is contiguous resilient landscapes across ownership boundaries to reduce large-scale fires and epidemics of insects and disease.



## How funds will help improve landowner participation

- Landowner outreach through news releases, public postings, mailings and other marketing tools and strategies, and development of educational materials.
- Development of databases to hold cross-boundary project accomplishment metrics and monitor landowner participation.
- Acquisition of contracted forestry consultants to assist interested family forest landowners.



The Buckskin Saddle Project proposes to increase forest resilience to insects, disease, drought and the undesirable effects from wildfires. Especially important to local citizens is the reduction of hazardous fuels near private land, roads and powerlines. This project has identified 19,686 acres of treatment with implementation scheduled in 2021. Fuels reduction treatments have occurred on over 38 acres of private land surrounding a small at-risk community on Lake Pend Oreille surrounded by the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

## Partnerships are growing

"We are dependent on how well-managed neighboring forestlands are when it comes to how resilient and protected our forestlands are.

This is why Shared Stewardship is so valuable."

*Tyler Nimke, Stimson Lumber*